CITY OF MEDINA

2052 County Road 24

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City Meeting & Event Calendar

February

2nd Tues—City Council 7 pm
9th Tues—Planning Commission 7 pm
15th Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
16th Tues—City Council Work Session 6 pm
16th Tues—City Council 7 pm
17th Wed—Park Commission 7 pm

March

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All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted.
Meeting agendas on website when available.

Board of Appeal and Equalization
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting is held annually for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the 2021 assessed property values or property classifications in the City of Medina. More information on the steps necessary to appeal your estimated property values can be found on the city's website at: https://medinamn.us/boa/.

Document Shredding at Clean-Up Day on April 24th

Randy's Environmental Services will be on site at Clean-up Day to provide free document shredding services for Medina residents on Saturday, April 24, 2021. To start preparing your shred materials, visit the city's website for accepted materials at https://medinamn.us/cleanupday/.

Keep Fire Hydrants Cleared of Snow

We need your help in keeping fire hydrants near your home cleared of snow to allow for quick access for firefighters in the event of a fire. Please locate the nearest hydrant to your home and remember to clear the snow all the way around the hydrant after each snow fall.

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Medina, MN 55340
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City Hall Office Hours
Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Dino DesLauriers 612-812-3290
Todd Albers 763-360-5532
Joseph Cavanaugh 763-473-5123
Robin Reid 763-670-7614

City Council Meetings
First & third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Park Commission Meetings
Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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The Medina Message

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Local Restaurant Support during COVID-19

Medina is fortunate to have local restaurants who have been actively involved in our community through donating to youth athletics, fundraising programs for our fire departments, offering meeting spaces to our business community, participating/sponsoring community events, and so much more. Residents have asked us to publish our local restaurant contact information for those wishing to help support our restaurants by ordering carryout, booking catering, or to make a dine-in reservation.

Countryside Café www.pegscountrysidecafe.com **763-478-6869**
In person dining and takeout available 6AM-2PM Monday-Saturday, 7:30-2:00 Sunday,
Curbside pick up available if call ahead to request

Oak Eatery www.oakeatery.com **763-478-3212**
In person dining and takeout available 11AM-8PM 7 days a week
Curbside is available, request when you place your order

Robert's Restaurant and Bar www.medinaentertainment.com **763-478-6661**
In person dining and takeout available 11AM-9PM 7 days a week, 11AM-10PM Bar
Delivery is now available

Hometowne Pizza www.hometownepizza.com **763-478-3121**
In person dining and takeout available Sunday-Thursday 11AM-9PM, Friday/Saturday 11AM-10PM
Delivery available; Request curbside when you place your order

McDonald's www.mcdonalds.com/us/es-us/location/mn/medina/822-hwy-55/21835.html **763-478-2734**
Drive Thru is open Sunday-Thursday 5AM-11PM, Friday/Saturday 5AM-midnight
NO IN PERSON DINING AT THIS TIME

Subway restaurants.subway.com/united-states/mn/medina/1400-county-rd-29 **763-479-2700**
In person dining and takeout available 9 AM-8PM 7 days a week
Online ordering for delivery or pick-up available

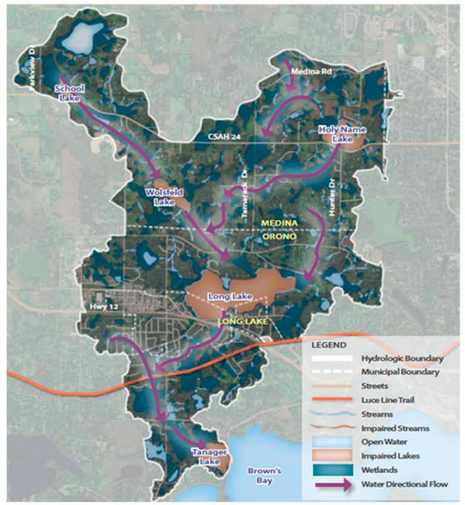
Inn Kahoots www.innkahootsbar.com **763-478-6070**
In person service available Monday-Friday 2 PM-10 PM , Saturday Noon-10PM, Sunday Noon-8PM

Disclaimer: This information was up-to-date as of 1/13/21 based on the restaurants who responded to our inquiry.

Planning & Public Works

Grants Received for Wolsfeld Woods Ravine Stabilization Project

The City of Medina has partnered with the cities of Long Lake and Orono, the Long Lake Waters Association (LLWA), and Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) to work towards a common goal of improving water quality within the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed. The subwatershed covers the southeast portion of Medina, including School, Wolsfeld, and Holy Name Lakes (see map). These three lakes, along with downstream Long and Tanager Lakes, exceed standards for nutrients.



The goal of the Partnership is to leverage the group's combined resources, as well as outside grant funding, to restore these lakes. In 2018, with the leadership of the MCWD, the Partnership received a $112,000 grant to assess the subwatershed, identify cost-effective projects and strategies to improve water quality, and develop a clear and actionable roadmap to guide implementation. One of the high priority projects identified in the assessment is the stabilization of a ravine draining into the southwest side of Wolsfeld Lake. The project is estimated to achieve 60 percent of the load reduction required from Medina to restore Wolsfeld Lake.

The MCWD has secured a second grant of $232,000, covering approximate 80 percent of the project cost. The Medina City Council has initiated design of the project and budgeted the 20 percent grant match. The project is scheduled to be completed in the winter of 2021-2022.

The Partnership is currently working to finalize the Implementation Roadmap and will continue to work together to pursue grants to support the implementation of priority projects. Learn more about the Partnership's efforts at: http://www.minnehahacreek.org/long-lake-creek-assessment.

Land Use Applications Under Review

The following land projects are currently under review by the City. For more information, or for an update on the review schedule, visit https://medinamn.us/citygov/departments/planning-zoning/ or call (763) 473-4643, ext. 1.

M/I Homes Comprehensive Plan Amendment – 1400 Hamel Road – M/I Home has requested a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change future land use from Business to Medium Density Residential and submitted a concept plan review for a potential development of 78 townhomes. Preliminary review is underway; a public hearing will be scheduled when complete, potentially at February 9 or March 9 meeting.

Townhome PUD Concept Plan – 1432 County Road 29 – Medina Townhome Development LLC has requested review of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Concept Plan for development of 24 townhomes east of Baker Park Road, north of Highway 12. Preliminary review is underway, and a public hearing will be scheduled when complete, potentially at the February 9 or March 9 meeting.

Pioneer Trail Preserve – 2325 Pioneer Tr. – James and Melissa Korin have requested a 3-lot subdivision of a 40-acre parcel. Preliminary review is underway, and a public hearing will be scheduled when complete, potentially at the February 9 or March 9 meeting.

Holy Name Lake Estates Final Plat – north of County Road 24, northwest of Holy Name Lake - JD Dossier Holdings LLC has requested final plat approval for a six-lot rural subdivision on 90 acres. The City granted preliminary approval of the subdivision on December 1, 2020. Preliminary review is underway, and the City Council will review when complete, potentially at the February 16 or March 2 meeting.

Meadowview Commons 2nd Addition Final Plat – south of Meander Rd, west of Jubert Tr – US Home Corporation (Lennar) has requested final plat approval for development of the remaining 83 townhome lots in the project. The initial 42 townhome lots were approved in November 2020. Preliminary review is underway, and the City Council will review when complete, potentially at the March 2 or March 16 meeting.

2905 Willowood Farm Road Indoor Arena CUP – Lothar and Mona Krinke have requested a conditional use permit for construction of a 12,600 square foot indoor riding arena addition to an existing barn. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 12 and recommended approval. The City Council is scheduled to review at the February 2 meeting.

Finance

2021 General Fund Budget

The final General Fund Budget for 2021 was approved on December 1, 2020 in the amount of $5,082,380, an increase of $275,256 or 5.7% from the 2020 General Fund Budget. The General Fund total property tax levy for 2021 was authorized for $3,731,800, an increase of $297,348 from the 2020 General Fund levy. Much of the increase is attributed to new growth. The overall 2021 property tax levy was approved for $4,622,859, an increase of 5.2% or $230,088 over the total 2020 levy. For the 2021 budget, we will see an increase of 4.3% in market value, 2.7% being attributed to new construction.

Governmental Funds 2020-2021 Adopted Budgets

	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
Revenues		
Property Tax Levy	$ 4,392,771	$ 4,622,859
Other Taxes	$ 142,000	$ 142,000
Tax Increments	$ 387,024	$ 452,547
Special Assessments	$ 138,423	$ 133,331
Licenses & Permits	$ 283,369	$ 391,269
Intergovernmental	$ 288,773	$ 288,773
Charges for Services	$ 760,387	$ 506,254
Fines and Forfeits	$ 110,000	$ 115,000
Miscellaneous	$ 230,594	$ 209,061
Sale of Assets	$ 20,000	$ 20,000
Proceeds from Bond Sales	$ -	$ 4,880,000
Transfers from Other Funds	$ 576,449	$ 590,936
Total Revenues	**$ 7,329,790**	**$ 12,352,030**
Expenditures		
General Government	$ 1,179,583	$ 1,242,275
Public Safety	$ 2,435,707	$ 2,650,898
Public Works	$ 747,959	$ 769,895
Parks & Recreation	$ 249,189	$ 287,517
Economic Development	$ 56,880	$ 57,010
Reserves		$ 178,734
Debt Service	$ 1,051,626	$ 5,440,290
Bond Refunding	$ -	$ -
Capital Outlay	$ 1,247,347	$ 3,460,999
Transfers to Other Funds	$ 616,293	$ 480,838
Total Expenditures	**$ 7,584,584**	**$ 14,568,457**
Increase (Decrease) in Governmental Fund Balance	**$ (254,794)**	**$ (2,216,427)**

Enterprise Funds 2020-2021 Adopted Budgets

	Water Fund		Sewer Fund		Storm Water Fund	
	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
Operating (OP) Revenues						
Charges for Services	$ 928,994	$ 1,114,400	$ 644,787	$ 764,000	$ 226,106	$ 258,193
Total OP Revenues	$ 928,994	$ 1,114,400	$ 644,787	$ 764,000	$ 226,106	$ 258,193
Operating Expenses						
Personnel Services	$ 180,498	$ 225,368	$ 155,838	$ 146,675	$ 78,470	$ 73,070
Supplies	$ 102,020	$ 102,020	$ 5,880	$ 5,880	$ 5,200	$ 5,200
Other Services & Charges	$ 229,350	$ 229,350	$ 415,500	$ 465,500	$ 67,700	$ 67,700
Depreciation	$ 345,000	$ 345,000	$ 110,000	$ 100,000	$ 70,000	$ 70,000
Total Operating Expenses	$ 856,868	$ 901,738	$ 687,218	$ 718,055	$ 221,370	$ 215,970
Operating Income (Loss)	$ 72,125	$ 212,662	$ (42,430)	$ 45,945	$ 4,735	$ 42,223
Non-Operating Revenues						
Water Connection Fees	$ 17,000	$ 5,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Interest Earnings	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 1,000	$ -
Miscellaneous	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Non-Operating Expenses						
Interest Expense	$ (17,138)	$ (204,838)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Transfers from Other Funds	$ 356,028	$ 204,038	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Transfers to Other Funds	$ (125,758)	$ (124,402)	$(130,357)	$ (128,001)	$ (59,935)	$ (61,733)
Net Income (Loss)	$ 307,257	$ 97,460	$ (167,787)	$ (77,056)	$ (54,199)	$ (19,510)
Capital Outlay	$ -	$ 122,000	$ -	$ -	$ 20,525	$ 25,000
Debt Service Principal	$ 570,000	$ 195,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Public Safety & Parks

Spring Road Weight Restriction Enforcement

PLEASE NOTE...
Planning a project?
Pulling a building permit?
Get your deliveries scheduled prior to road restrictions going into effect!

It is hard to believe but even though we haven't had much of a winter so far, spring is right around the corner and will be here before you know it. Along with the melting of snow, the increase in sunlight, and the budding of trees and flowers comes the posting of road restrictions throughout the city. You may see these signs posted on streets throughout Medina each spring and there is a very good reason you see those signs.

The strength of the paved roads in the city actually vary throughout the different seasons. During the winter, the layers of materials that make up the pavement structure harden when the temperature drops below the freezing point. When spring arrives, the frozen aggregate base and the soil under the aggregate base thaw out and become saturated. Under these conditions the pavement weakens, and the capacity of the roadway is reduced. It is during this time that heavy vehicles driving on the roadway damage the roadway more than any other time of the year.

One would think the solution would be to build more heavy-duty roads that could handle heavier traffic. Unfortunately, the cost to build a road that can sustain heavy truck traffic throughout the year is extremely expensive. That is why these heavy-duty roads are only typically built in the commercial business areas where truck traffic is necessary for those businesses throughout the year.

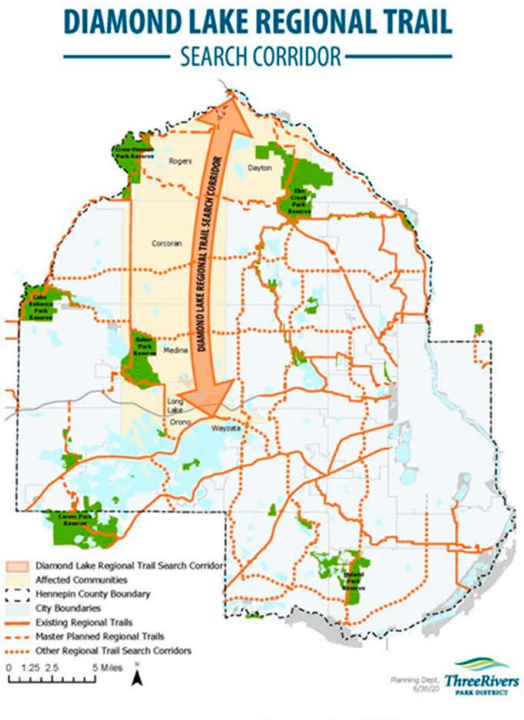
So, to reduce the damage to the city streets in Medina, each spring Public Works posts road restrictions throughout the city which typically is a "per axle" restriction. Most city roads in Medina will be posted with a "4-ton per axle" restriction which means one axle can have a maximum of 8,000 pounds (4 tons) of weight on the roadway. Most cars and pickup trucks would not come close to 8,000 pounds per axle. Larger delivery trucks such as furniture and appliance delivery trucks would probably be overweight on these roadways. There are exemptions to these restrictions such as emergency repair services: septic trucks, propane and other fuel delivery trucks, school buses, electrical companies, etc.

For the above reasons, the Medina Police Department enforces weight restrictions in the city, and you will sometimes see an officer weighing trucks along the road in the spring. The Medina Police also request the citizens of Medina report large trucks driving on restricted roadways by calling 9-1-1. Keeping these trucks off the roads in the spring can mean keeping expensive roadway repairs from coming out of the taxpayers pocketbooks. Please watch the City's website for up-to-date information on which streets are posted and when those streets get lifted at https://medinamn.us/road-restrictions/.

Diamond Lake Regional Trail
City to Consider Preferred Alternative

Three Rivers Park District has recently completed six-months of extensive public engagement to collect feedback on potential routes for the future development of the Diamond Lake Regional Trail (DLRT) through the western portion of Hennepin County, including Medina. Engagement included online activities, an open house and neighborhood meetings. Thank you to the many Medina residents who have been involved and provided feedback!

The City Council will be scheduled to review the public feedback on the potential routes and discuss a preferred alternative in partnership with Three Rivers during February and March. The schedule was still be finalized at the time of printing, so please visit our website at: https://medinamn.us/diamond-lake-regional-trail/ for schedule and to review the potential routes and feedback received.



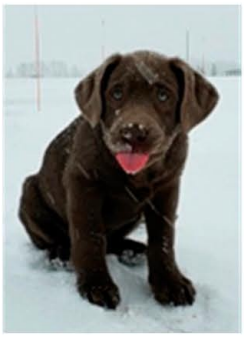
Public Works & Environment

Hazards in Your Home?

Learn how properly to dispose of household hazardous waste and reduce toxicity in your home. Visit www.pca.stat.mn.us/living-green/reducing-toxicity-home for oodles of tips!

Salt Pollutes!

When snow and ice melts, the salt goes with it, washing into our lakes, streams, wetlands and groundwater. Once in the water, there is no way to remove the chloride. **Less is more** when it comes to applying salt because at high concentrations, chloride can harm the fish and plant life in our waters. **Salt Responsibility!**



Why Scoop Your Dog's Poop?

Dog waste is unhealthy and may contain harmful organisms such as E.coli, campylobacter, parasitic worms, toxoplasma, and giardia is a health hazard for other pets and humans too. Be a responsible dog owner – it's your duty to scoop your dog's poop!

Organized Garbage Collection in Medina
Provided by Randy's Environmental Services (A Republic Services Company)

Effective Dec. 1, 2020, Randy's Environmental Services was acquired by Republic Services, an industry leader in U.S. recycling and non-hazardous solid waste disposal with existing operations in the Twin Cities. Through the agreement, Republic Services acquired all of the assets of Randy's, including contracts with cities to provide recycling and waste services. Trash and recycling collection in the City of Medina continues to be business as usual, and residents should not expect any changes at this time. Residents with questions should contact CustServ-Randys@republicservices.com or call 763.972.3335.

The City of Medina has had organized collection and a contract for waste services since 1986. This was initiated to minimize truck traffic on our roads, regulate the size of garbage trucks to minimize damage to the roads (especially during the spring thaw each year), and to ensure that waste was managed environmentally to reduce the need for landfills.

The City of Medina covers 26 square miles. When the organized collection was initially setup in 1986, the City had three zones with different haulers in each zone, because at the time, there was no one hauler that could handle the entire city.

Over the years, Medina has gone out for competitive bid on hauling services to maintain a low rate for our residents. Randy's Environmental Services first took over all three zones of the City of Medina in 2008, when they came in with the lowest competitive bid on all zones. At that time, Randy's also began offering our residents organics recycling service to further reduce the amount of waste going to the landfills. Since that time, the City Council has reviewed their contract and negotiated new competitive pricing with Randy's in 2013, 2016, and then again in 2020.

When comparing Medina to surrounding cities that do not offer organized collection, Medina has better rates than most, because we are able to offer the hauler an efficient route by picking up every household instead of every 5th household in an open hauling system. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has done extensive studies on open hauling systems vs. organized collection and on average residents in cities with open trash collection pay more for service.

Organized collection has also helped Medina become a leader in its organics recycling efforts to help divert waste from the landfills and allow more capacity at the resource recovery/waste processing facilities (burner). We are able to offer Randy's Blue Bag Organics recycling program to residents at no additional cost.

Organic waste is all food waste, food-soiled paper (such as pizza boxes), paper towel, napkins, etc. The recycled organic waste is being converted into nutrient-rich compost to help grow more food. Participating in this program helps reduce waste and improve our environment. To sign up for the Blue Bag Organics program, call Randy's at 763-972-3335.

Randy's Environmental Services Sanitation & Recycling
A Republic Services Company

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